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In re Application of:

William J. Roberts

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) Group Art Unit: 1616

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) Examiner: Badio, Barbara P.

Entitled: "BIOAVAILABLE PRODRUGS OF  
ANDROGENIC STEROIDS AND RELATED  
METHOD"

Serial No.: 10/053,345

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b) to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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Applicant also brings to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending applications, a copy of each of which is attached:

1. Serial No. 10/053,505 to Roberts (Attorney Docket No. 1400-004); and
2. Serial No. 10/265,218 to Roberts (Attorney Docket No. 1400-063).

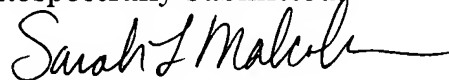
Please initial this Information Disclosure Statement next to each of the above-listed co-pending applications, and return a copy of the initialed IDS to Applicant with the next written communication.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly requested.

Dated: April 1, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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